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21. Sikkim	:	The State has banned the sale of single digit and private lotteries.
22. Tamil Nadu	:	No ban on Lotteries run by other States.
23. Tripura	:	Information not received.
24. Uttar Pradesh	:	No ban on lotteries run by other States.
25. West Bengal	:	Information not received.
26. Andaman & Nicobar	:	Ban on Private lotteries.
27. Chandigarh	:	Information not received.
28. Dadra and Nagar Haveli	:	Information not received.
29. Daman and Diu	:	Information not received.
30. Delhi	:	No ban on-sale of lotteries run by other States.
31. Lakshadweep	:	Information not received.
32. Pondicherry	:	No ban has been imposed on sale of Lotteries.

Remunerative Prices of Jute

2061 SHRI P. R. DASMUNSI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Jute farmers are getting the remunerative price of Jute in Assam, Tripura, West Bengal, Bihar and Eastern U.P.;

(b) whether the jute farmers are losing interest in the jute cultivation;

(c) whether this has resulted in the ruin of the traditional jute industry;

(d) whether the Government have conducted any study about it and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) Yes, Sir. The Jute Commissioner of India has reported that the farmers are getting fairly good prices of raw jute in Assam, Tripura, West Bengal, Bihar and Eastern U.P.

(b) No, Sir. The jute farmers are not losing interest in jute cultivation. Decline in area under jute during 1992-93 to 1995-96 seasons happened mostly due to

effect of adverse weather and not due to unremunerative prices.

(c) No, Sir. The overall availability of jute in the country has more or less matched the requirement of jute industry in recent years except that normal working has been hampered to some extent during April-July, 1996, due to mis-match between supply and demand on account of short crop in 1995-96 season. No problem is, however, foreseen for normal working of jute industry on account of raw material shortage in the current year in view of a very good crop expected this year.

(d) and (e). A High Powered Committee on Jute Sector under the Chairmanship of Secretary (Textile) was set up by the Government in July, 1992. The Committee submitted its report in November, 1992. Another High Powered Committee under Chairmanship of a Joint Secretary, Ministry of Textiles examined the working of the Jute Corporation of India and submitted its recommendations. The Department of Agricultural Research and Education (DARE) have prepared a study 'Future of Jute in India'. A report was also submitted in June, 1995 by the Task Force on Jute set up by the Ministry of Agriculture. In addition to the above, a broad based committee under the Chairmanship of Secretary (Textiles) examined a variety of issues pertaining to the Jute Sector and submitted its report in November, 1995.

NABARD

2062 SHRI SANAT MEHTA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state

(a) whether the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development is not able to grant new credit to the tune of Rs. 225 to 250 crore to Gujarat for Kharif-crops because of the Gujarat Government not agreeing for default guarantee; and

(b) the measures the Government intend to take to help the farmers in the State?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) and (b) The NABARD has intimated that the Gujarat State Cooperative Bank has submitted credit limit application for sanction of Short Term (Seasonal Agricultural Operation) limit for 1996-97 on behalf of affiliated District Central Cooperative Banks which are eligible for credit limits. As all these applications have been preferred under Section 21(1)(i)/21(3)(b) of NABARD Act, 1981 (for which Government guarantee is not required) the problem of Government guarantee coming in the way of credit flow for disbursement of loans during Kharif, 1996

does not arise. The likely amount to be sanctioned to the Distt. Central Cooperative Banks in Gujarat is Rs. 257.00 crores.

Worli-Bandra Freeway

2063. SHRI RAM NAIK : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether a proposal of Worli-Bandra Freeway in Maharashtra has been accorded clearance by the Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (CAPT. JAI NARAYAN PRASAD NISHAD) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Comprehensive Environmental Impact Assessment Report has been sought from Bombay Metropolitan Region Development Authority.

Frequency of Rajdhani Express

2064. SHRI MURALIDHAR JENA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a heavy demand for extension of the New Delhi-Bhubaneswar Rajdhani Express from Weekly to tri-weekly; and

(b) if so, the action taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) Some representations have been received in this regard.

(b) Increase in frequency of 2421/2422 New Delhi-Bhubaneswar (via Howrah) Rajdhani Express is being examined and action as found feasible and justified will be taken.

Environmental Clubs

2065. SHRI MAULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Kerala has submitted any proposal for the setting up of the Environmental Clubs in schools and colleges and environment Protection committees at the Districts and State Levels;

(b) if so, the estimated cost of these projects and the extent of central aid sought by the State; and

(c) the action taken or proposed to be taken by the Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (CAPT. JAI NARAYAN PRASAD NISHAD) : (a) and (b). The Kerala State Government has submitted a proposal titled, "Promotion of environmental awareness and participation of people in Kerala" for environmental clubs, district environment protection committees, resource materials, audiovisual vans, mobile laboratories, setting up of a permanent stall on environment at the Science and Technology Museum, Formation of State and District Crisis Groups and of a State Environment Protection Committee at a total cost of Rs.1.61 crores for the first year and a recurring annual grant of Rs.61.50 lakhs. They have sought Central assistance for the whole amount. The cost of setting up of Environmental clubs and Environmental protection Committees is Rs.58.84 lakhs for the first year and recurring annual grant of Rs.48.84 lakhs for the subsequent years.

(c) The State Government has been given the guidelines of the schemes for Eco-club and Paryavaran Vahinis of this Ministry and requested to revise their proposal accordingly. As regards the State Level Environmental protection Committee, they have been informed that there is no provision for support for such committees.

Delicensing of Dairy Sector

2066. SHRIMATI GEETA MUKHERJEE : Will the Minister of ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Delicensing of Dairy Sector was done despite strong opposition from the National Dairy Development Board; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Level Crossings

2067. SHRI SOUMYA RANJAN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of manned unmanned Railway crossings in the country, zone-wise and State-wise; and

(b) the number of unmanned level crossings to be converted into manned during the year 1996-97?